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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0677

FOR THE SECRETARY

TEL AVIV FOR ABBINGTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: MEETING OF SECRETARY WITH PRESS IN BEIRUT NOW POSSIBLE

REF: (A) BEIRUT 0480, (B) BEIRUT 0509, (C) STATE 27759,
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1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL PALACE CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR MICHEL FARAH, AND MILITARY AID TO
PRESIDENT COL. MICHEL NASSIF ON FEB 14, IT BECAME EVIDENT
TO EMBOFFS THAT THE PRESIDENCY HAS ADOPTED A WHOLLY NEW
ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ROLE OF THE PRESS DURING THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT TO BEIRUT. CONTRARY TO RECENT PRACTICE (REF A), ENTIRE
PRESS CORPS WILL BE ADMITTED TO PHOTOGRAPH AND FILM
BEGINNINGS OF A NUMBER OF EVENTS INSIDE AS WELL AS OUTSIDE
THE PALACE.

2. THIS REOPENS POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY COULD MAKE
A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AT SOME TIME DURING VISIT.
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FARAH AND NASSIF ARE COMPLETELY AGREEABLE, FOR EXAMPLE,
TO A SHORT FIVE-MINUTE SESSION AFTER LUNCH, IN THE
"GRANDE SALLE," NEAR THE ENTRANCE, AT WHICH THE
SECRETARY COULD MAKE AN ORAL STATEMENT TO THE
ASSEMBLED PRESS (BUT NO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS). MEETING
COULD BE SCHEDULED FROM 1425 TO 1430. EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT STATEMENT AT SUCH A MEETING SUPPLEMENT

AND NOT SUPPLANT ANY DISTRIBUTION OF ANY WRITTEN
STATEMENT(S).

3. COMPREHENSIVE SEPTTEL ON PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWS.

4. ABOVE DRAFTED BEFORE RECEIPT REF D. ASSUME
SECRETARY WILL BE WILLING MAKE DEPARTURE
STATEMENT AT GRANDE SALLE MEETING. ALSO ASSUME THAT
THERE WILL BE PRESS HANDOUT ON AID PROGRAM TO ENSURE
EVERYONE GETS FIGURES RIGHT.
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